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Committee Bill No. 5632

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
(INS)

**AN ACT TO OPEN THE STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN TO
NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND REGIONAL EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCILS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 5-259 of the general statutes is amended by adding
2 subsections (n) and (o) as follows:

3 (NEW) (n) The Comptroller may provide for coverage of employees
4 of nonprofit organizations under the plan or plans procured under
5 subsection (a) of this section, provided: (1) Participation by each such
6 nonprofit organization shall be on a voluntary basis; (2) where an
7 employee organization represents employees of such nonprofit
8 organization, participation in a plan or plans to be procured under
9 subsection (a) of this section shall be by mutual agreement of the
10 nonprofit organization and the employee organization only and
11 neither party may submit the issue of participation to binding
12 arbitration except by mutual agreement; (3) no group of employees
13 shall be refused entry into the plan by reason of past or future health
14 care costs or claim experience; (4) rates paid by the state for its
15 employees under subsection (a) of this section are not adversely

16 affected by this subsection; (5) administrative costs to the plan or plans
17 provided under this subsection shall be paid by the participating
18 nonprofit organization at no additional cost to the state; and (6)
19 participation in the plan or plans in an amount determined by the state
20 shall be for the duration of the period of the plan or plans, or for such
21 other period as mutually agreed upon by the nonprofit organization
22 and the Comptroller. Not later than February 1, 2002, and annually
23 thereafter, the Comptroller shall submit to the joint standing
24 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
25 relating to insurance a review of the coverage of employees of
26 nonprofit organizations under the state health plan.

27 (NEW) (o) The Comptroller may provide for coverage of employees
28 of regional emergency medical services councils established pursuant
29 to section 19a-183 under the plan or plans procured under subsection
30 (a) of this section, provided: (1) Participation by each such council shall
31 be on a voluntary basis; (2) where an employee organization represents
32 employees of such council, participation in a plan or plans to be
33 procured under subsection (a) of this section shall be by mutual
34 agreement of the council and the employee organization only and
35 neither party may submit the issue of participation to binding
36 arbitration except by mutual agreement; (3) no group of employees
37 shall be refused entry into the plan by reason of past or future health
38 care costs or claim experience; (4) rates paid by the state for its
39 employees under subsection (a) of this section are not adversely
40 affected by this subsection; (5) administrative costs to the plan or plans
41 provided under this subsection shall be paid by the participating
42 council at no additional cost to the state; and (6) participation in the
43 plan or plans in an amount determined by the state shall be for the
44 duration of the period of the plan or plans, or for such other period as
45 mutually agreed upon by the council and the Comptroller. Not later
46 than February 1, 2002, and annually thereafter, the Comptroller shall
47 submit to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
48 having cognizance of matters relating to insurance a review of the
49 coverage of employees of regional emergency medical services

50 councils under the state health plan.

51 Sec. 2. Subdivision (4) of section 38a-564 of the general statutes is
52 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

53 (4) "Small employer" means any person, firm, corporation, limited
54 liability company, partnership or association actively engaged in
55 business or self-employed for at least three consecutive months who,
56 on at least fifty per cent of its working days during the preceding
57 twelve months, employed no more than fifty eligible employees, the
58 majority of whom were employed within the state of Connecticut.
59 "Small employer" includes a self-employed individual. In determining
60 the number of eligible employees, companies which are affiliated
61 companies, as defined in section 33-840, or which are eligible to file a
62 combined tax return for purposes of taxation under chapter 208 shall
63 be considered one employer. Eligible employees shall not include
64 employees covered through the employer by health insurance plans or
65 insurance arrangements issued to or in accordance with a trust
66 established pursuant to collective bargaining subject to the federal
67 Labor Management Relations Act. Except as otherwise specifically
68 provided, provisions of sections 12-201, 12-211, 12-212a and 38a-564 to
69 38a-572, inclusive, which apply to a small employer shall continue to
70 apply until the plan anniversary following the date the employer no
71 longer meets the requirements of this definition. "Small employer"
72 does not include (A) a municipality procuring health insurance
73 pursuant to section 5-259, as amended by this act, (B) a nonprofit
74 organization procuring health insurance pursuant to section 5-259, as
75 amended by this act, (C) a regional emergency medical services council
76 procuring health insurance pursuant to section 5-259, as amended by
77 this act, or ~~[(B)]~~ (D) a private school in this state procuring health
78 insurance through a health insurance plan or an insurance
79 arrangement sponsored by an association of such private schools.

80 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Statement of Purpose:

To allow nonprofit organizations and regional emergency medical services councils to procure health insurance through the state employee health plan.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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